

SHORT SENTENCES HALT REFORMATION, CHARITY HEADS SAY

Indeterminate Terms and Parole
System Are Urged By Board
In Its Annual Report.

ASKS FUNDS FOR HOSPITAL

Need For City Institution De-
clared Imperative—Work-
house Population Stationary

Declaring the greatest barrier to the reformation of prisoners is the present system of short sentences, the Board of Charities in its annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, submitted to the legislature today, recommends the institution of an indeterminate sentence and parole system for prisoners sent to the workhouse at Georgetown.

Under such a system prisoners would be sentenced for a maximum of two years, and be subject to parole at any time prior to the expiration of that period.

Municipal Hospital.

Attention is directed by the board to the need of an appropriation for beginning work on the new municipal hospital, provision for which is made in the Commissioners' estimates. "The history of the past year," says the report, "shows only too emphatically the urgent need for the earliest possible provision of such an institution. Notwithstanding increased facilities at private hospitals the demand upon the old Washington Asylum Hospital for the care of public patients constantly increases."

The board recommends changes in the law to permit direct commitment of prisoners to the workhouse instead of through the Washington Asylum and jail. This arrangement was satisfactory during the period of organization of the workhouse when only a limited number of prisoners could be received. It is stated, but there now is no such reason.

Progress On Reformatory.

Considerable progress, the report states, has been made toward establishing the new District reformatory. A site for the permanent buildings adjacent to the workhouse tract has been selected and if appropriations be provided, as requested in the estimates, prisoners will be taken to the institution on July 1, 1916.

The daily average number of free patients treated at the various hospitals under the authority of the board during the year was 912, as compared with 89 the preceding year. The daily average population at the Tuberculosis Hospital was 121 as compared with 101 during the preceding year. This does not indicate, however, the report says, an increased prevalence of the disease in the community as while the number of deaths from tuberculosis recorded in 1914 was 76 in 1915, it was only 61, notwithstanding the increase in population.

Workhouse Population.

There has been no marked increase in the number of inmates at the District workhouse during the last three years, the report states. For the fiscal year 1915 the daily average population was 620; for 1914 it was 614, and for 1915, 624. Marked progress was made in the development of the agricultural and industrial activities of the workhouse during the year, the report says. Recommendation is made that the Industrial Home School be moved to a new location in the country. Provision for this is made in the Commissioners' estimates, as well as for the erection of a new municipal lodging house. This institution, the report states, has been the most successful during the last year than during any year in recent times. The number of lodgings furnished homeless men was 16,238, as compared with 7,127, the preceding year.

Number of Insane.

The average number of District insane in the Government Hospital for the Insane during the year, the report states, was 1,591, an increase of twenty-eight as compared with the preceding year. All District of Columbia patients are now chargeable to the District government, and reimbursement is sought from the estates, families, or friends of such patients. The amount collected in 1915 was \$18,872.15.

The daily average number of boys in the National Training School for Boys during the year was 364, as compared with 386 during the preceding year. At the National Training School for Girls the daily average number was eighty, as compared with seventy-eight. The Industrial Home School for Colored Children cared for a daily average number of seventy-six.

The report is signed by John Joy Edson, president; George M. Fisher, Emilie Berliner, George E. Hamilton, and the Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr.

Two Suits Filed Today

For \$10,000 Damages Each

Damages in the sum of \$10,000 are sought in a petition filed today in the District Supreme Court against the Washington Railway and Electric Company by Rhoda S. Eaton, administratrix of the estate of Alvin E. Eaton, for whose death she declared the street car company is responsible.

In her petition, filed by Attorneys David E. Anthony, Jr., William H. Wilson, and H. D. Gordon, Mrs. Eaton declared her son Alvin was riding on an automobile when a street car collided with it at Eleventh and C streets northeast. In the collision Eaton was thrown and sustained injuries from which he died.

Afflicting injuries to her right side, which prevented her from attending to her duties in her luncheon, Emma filed today suit against Fred H. Vogt for \$10,000 damages. In the petition, filed by Attorney E. L. Gies, the plaintiff asserts Vogt, while driving an automobile at unlawful speed, collided with her at Vermont avenue and V street northwest December 21 last.

Leaves Estate to Son.

Charles G. Simon is sole heir under the will of his mother, Mrs. Amelia M. Simon, filed for probate in the office of the register of wills. The estate is valued at \$12,500.

President Goes To Columbus Tonight

Executive Will Attend Party Pow,
Pow, Address Chamber of Com-
merce and Church Council.

President Wilson will leave tonight for Columbus, Ohio, to speak tomorrow to the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, attend a reception by the county Democratic organization, and address the commission on church and country life of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

While the President's immediate party will include only Secretary Tamm and Dr. Cary T. Grayson, a number of Ohio Democrats including Senator Fawcett, will go home to participate in the party powwow.

At the chamber of commerce luncheon the President will discuss the legislation, including, perhaps, his suggestion for a commission to find out "what's the matter with the railroads." Revenue questions also may be taken up.

GIRL SAYS GOSSIP CAUSED DEATH PACT

Discovery of Letters Brings
Dual Determination to End
All—Widow Prostrated.

(Continued from First Page.)
The girl I love better than anything on this earth.

A note from Reese, addressed to Somerset pharmacy, read:
"To whom it may concern: When this note is received, please inform the person who is responsible for my death, and I am going to leave it all. My love for Hilda and her for me is as clean and pure as the air, but people have made life unbearable by talking about us. The talk is the cause of me doing this."

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ALLIES FALL BACK ON GREEK FRONT

Balkan Expedition Under Heavy
Attack By Bulgar-German
Troops.

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forces out of Serbia and across the Greek frontier.

It is believed here that this expeditionary force is outnumbered nearly two to one. News of the allied retreat has caused the greatest excitement here. The tension among officials has suddenly increased. With the battle drawing closer to the Greek frontier, it is realized here that King Constantine may be forced to decide between the entente and the central empires within a few days.

Anglo-French reinforcements arrived at Saloniki early this week. Whether they succeeded in once again pushing the front has not been stated in Saloniki dispatches.

It is reported today that Greek military authorities who visited Saloniki to confer with the Anglo-French officials, have been ordered to proceed at once to the Greek frontier, it is realized here that King Constantine may be forced to decide between the entente and the central empires within a few days.

The Germans and Bulgarians have reached Kessanli, on the Greek border, threatening to outflank the Anglo-French forces, while Bulgarians, who also are supposed to be supported by the Germans, have attacked the allies' extreme right wing near Strumitza.

Withdraw From Kivovak.

Under this pressure the French have withdrawn from the Kivovak salient and at last accounts had taken up a position at Demir Kapu in a deep gorge, about twenty miles from the Greek frontier, through which the Saloniki railway runs. Here they were attacked by the Bulgarians, who, according to the Greek reports, were repulsed.

The retirement of the allies to Demir Kapu has led to the report that they intended to abandon the Balkan enterprise entirely, but the continued landing of troops at Saloniki and the fact that they have a very strong military opinion here that Saloniki should be held as a base for future operations, disprove this.

A dispatch to the Paris press from Saloniki says it is reported that an important Bulgarian force, consisting of some quarters to number as many as four divisions (about 50,000 men), is being concentrated in the region of Plovdiv, about half way between Saloniki and the southern extremity of the Greek front. Simultaneously German forces are forming in front of the allies' line.

The German forces, according to the dispatch, are probably of the army of General von Gallwitz, which, since the Austro-German army of Field Marshal von Mackensen and the Bulgarian army of General Boyadjieff have effected a junction, has been detached from the main and sent toward the south, while General von Koeves and General Boyadjieff continue operations against the Serbians and Montenegrins.

Russians Move Upon

Border For Offensive
Against Bulgarians

ZURICH, Dec. 9.—The Russo-Romanian border station at Ungeni and the harbor at Reut have been taken, according to Bucharest dispatches today. Thousands of Russian troops are arriving at both frontier towns. The Russians are displaying the greatest activity in Hessaarabia.

Ungeni lies 125 miles north of Reut, near a railway leading through Kishinev and south through Ioumania with branches extending to the Bulgarian frontier. Concentration of Russian troops near Reut for an offensive against Bulgaria has been reported several times.

Turkish Columns Near

British Army Base
On the Tigris River

CONSTANTINOPLE (via Amsterdam), Dec. 9.—In constant clash with the retreating British, Turkish advance columns have reached Sheikh Saad, a few miles from the British base at Kut-el-Amara.

"We continue to harass the enemy's rear," said today the official statement, "pushing some enemy columns attempting to escape. We have captured 300 camels."

Champagne Region Is

Rocked By Artillery
Fire, Declares Paris

PARIS, Dec. 9.—French artillery broke up repeated heavy attacks of the Germans east of Soissons last night, the war office reports. The whole eastern

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WINTER PLANS MADE BY PARENTS' LEAGUE

Fund Being Raised to Install
Motion Picture Machine in
Normal School.

Extensive plans for the winter work of the Parents' League, an association made up of parents of schoolchildren in the third division, include evening classes in Spanish and German, cutting and fitting, practical dressmaking, violin playing, and the formation of an orchestra under the direction of A. H. Cogswell, head of the music department of the public schools.

The Home School Club, for girls, directed by Miss Emma Jacobs, is organized with patronesses, and is meeting at the James Ormond Wilson Normal School. The other classes are now being enrolled by Mrs. J. P. Kebler, president of the Parents' League. They are to meet in the library of the normal school. This club is dressing dolls, to be given to various institutions during the winter.

Lectures To Be Free.

Mrs. Kebler also is conducting a campaign for small contributions among parents and others in the scope of the league's work, looking forward to the installation of a motion picture machine in the normal school. All lectures in which the machine is used will be free to every one.

One phase of the work of the league is the vigilance committee, which is the first work of this committee before the Parents' League recreation committee when the league meets tomorrow afternoon at the James Ormond Wilson Normal School.

Playgrounds Inspected.

Associated with Mrs. Kebler in the work of the vigilance committee have been, according to her report, Mrs. Richard Walworth, Miss Georgia Robertson, Mr. Elmer Folkmar, Mrs. Howard Beall, Mrs. Florence Kent Tibbitts and Mrs. Edwin Rittenhouse.

Mrs. Kebler reports that the first work of this committee was the inspection of playgrounds in the interest of sanitation, and the raising of funds for playing equipment and stations upon the playgrounds.

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IN BELGIAN'S MURDER

Papers Found Near Body of the
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ing on Aeroplane Invention.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Identification of the body found with a bullet in the back between the Chautauque Hotel and the Plattsburg camp of military instruction as that of Lucien Calestre, a Belgian engineer, came a mystery probably having the war behind it.

Close to the body was found a black bag closely packed with personal belongings and a short distance a hammer, apparently the weapon with which the blow was struck. With the body was found a blueprint of aeroplane mechanism belonging to a patent application on the railroad about a mile from the body were scattered papers now in the hands of District Attorney Collins, who is at work on the case. A passport and attached photograph identified the dead man as the owner of the papers. A suspicion of spy work attached to the man, but the papers found were innocent of that direction.

The papers showed traveling in Europe to develop a patent, and his arrival at Quebec-October 25. There was an apparent attempt to destroy evidences of his identity. Among the papers was a letter from the secretary of the Queen of Belgium denying a requested audience and telling him to put a proposition in writing.

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HIGHWAY MOVIE FILM PLANS UNDER WAY

Merchants' Committee Back After
Selecting Scenes for
"Booster" Pictures.

Making of motion pictures through Washington, to be exhibited as an advertisement of the National Capitol will begin at once.

The subcommittee of the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Trade and Retail Merchants' Association, which directed the making of the highway movie, returned last night from an automobile trip over the road in the course of which the scenes to be included in the picture were selected.

Cpl. Robert N. Harper met the committee in the several cities visited and was assured in each instance of co-operation in the preparation of the pictures. Philadelphia, Chester, Wilmington and Baltimore will have a place on the film and will bear a portion of the expense.

Arrangements for marking the highway from Philadelphia to the Maryland line were completed.

Missourians to Meet.

Congressman John N. Tillman of Arkansas will speak before the Missouri Society at Hayscher's on Saturday night. A musical and literary program has been arranged. Refreshments will be served.

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Asks Police For Bride.

CHESTER, Pa., Dec. 9.—Chief of Police Vance has received an appeal from a Baltimore man forty-four, asking him to give his assistance in helping select a bride. He prefers a Pennsylvania brunette, twenty-five to thirty-five, but a good-natured blonde will do. He had a fine disposition and is manager of a large corporation.

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By morning most, if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely destroy and entirely destroy every single hair and trace of it.

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